



Dear Julia,

On Sunday, May 1st, 2022, rent stabilization went into effect in Saint Paul, and became the strongest policy in the country.

Community members from across the city gathered at WSCO's offices on Saint Paul's West Side to celebrate our historic win to keep rents stable and prevent displacement.

[Watch a video from the celebration here](#), featuring spoken word from our Board Member Bella Mendoza, reflections from West Siders Myisha Holley, Marcus Troy, Yasmine Murdi, RaRa Navarro, Carlos Garcia-Velasco, and more.

[Check out a slideshow](#) looking back at West Siders' role in this historic win, or listen to WSCO staff member Genevieve Roudané answering questions about what's next on [Minnesota Public Radio](#).

Are you a renter who's experienced a rent hike? A landlord wondering how to make sure you're following the new policy? Click below to learn more!

Learn about rent stabilization



Community Care Circle

WSCO invites you to a gathering of our Community Care Circle on Thursday, May 26th from 5:30- 6:30pm at our office at 209 Page St. W. in Saint Paul. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP

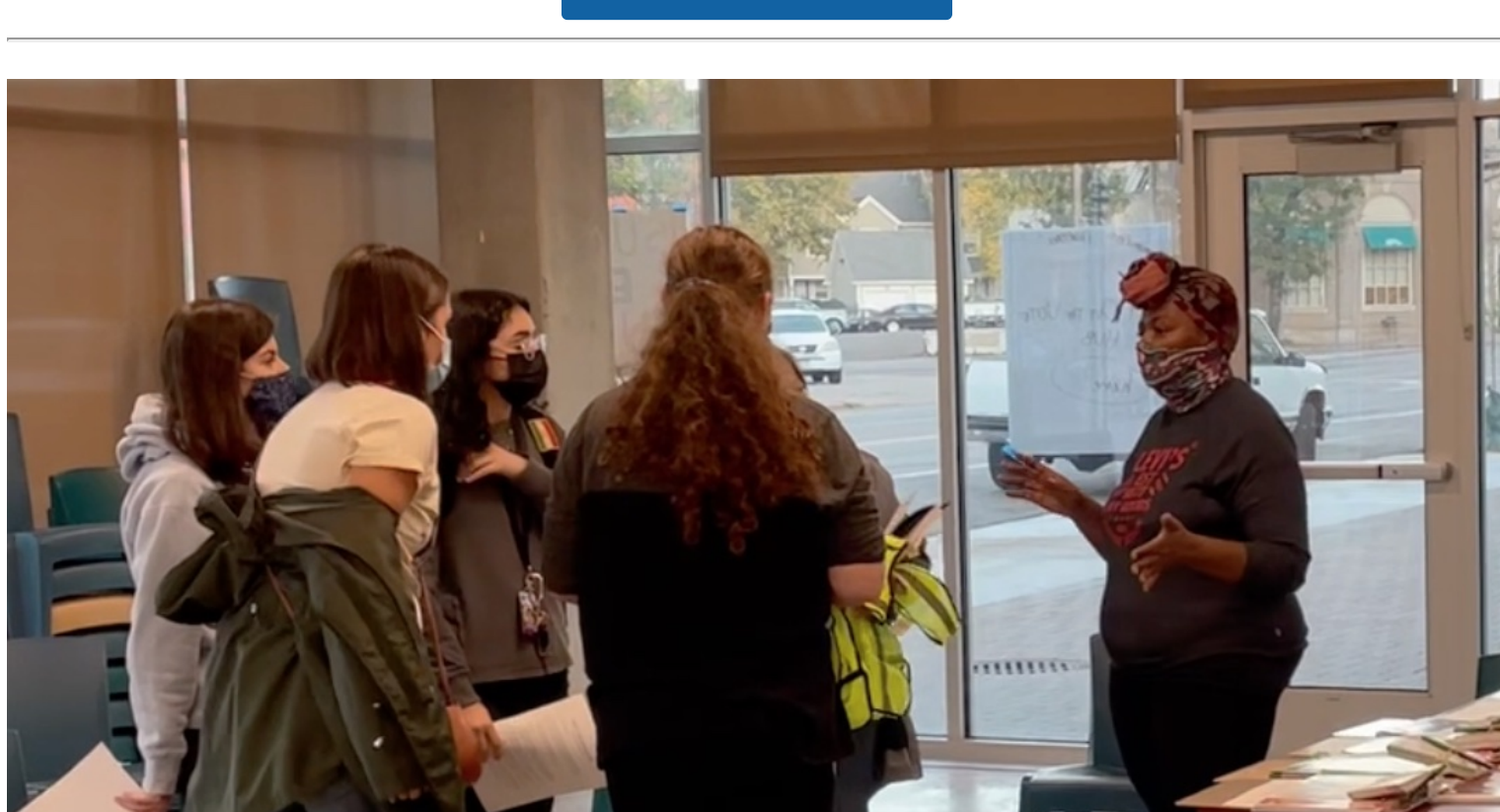


Thank you for raising your voice!

Many thanks to all who joined us last Tuesday for our May West Side Voices Forum. We heard from developers, neighbors, and community organizers about important changes and opportunities in our neighborhood.

Join us for our next West Side Voices Forum coming up on June 14th!

RSVP



Successful organizing in a pandemic

Tune in to "Actualizing Equity" to hear from WSCO leaders Monica Bravo and Myisha Holley speaking on a panel about how we succeeded in deepening our community organizing in the middle of a pandemic.

Monica reflected: "It's exciting: we're holding both the possible and the impossible at the same time. We know that the world can and should change. Right now is that time, even though we're in the midst of the pandemic. We're in a place where things have been uncovered for people that weren't paying attention. ... We have to build our dreams together. It's going to take us falling, failing, and getting back up again. Taking time to rest, taking risks, taking radical accountability as we reimagine what our world can and will be. I am hopeful in this moment."

[Click here to watch the video of the full panel](#), hosted by The Alliance.



Community Announcements

City budget conversations: join a virtual community meeting about Saint Paul's next budget: <https://www.stpaul.gov/budget-events>

Union Job and Resource Fair: connect with potential employers and local resources to create pathways towards a union career. Thursday, May 19, 2022, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. Learn more at <https://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org/events/sixth-annual-union-job-and-resource-fair/>

Trans and Queer Community gathering: Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month from 2-4pm at Riverview Library for fun social gatherings for the LGBTQIA2S+ community here on the West Side! In the past, we've had game night, arts and crafts, and other activities for the whole family. RSVP at <https://www.wSCO.org/maytaqc>

Narcan Training: Drug overdoses are having a painful impact in our community, but we have the power to save lives by learning to administer Narcan (naloxone) nasal spray and call for help. Our Community Care circle invites you to a free community Narcan training on May 24th from 6:00pm-7:00pm at our offices. [RSVP here](#).

Get a free tree! Sweet Cherry Pie, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Red Cedar, and more! Which will you chose? [Click here](#) to learn more.

Have a community announcement to share? Email genevieve@wSCO.org!

#WestSideStrong

WSCO organizes people of West Side to build collective power to advance justice and racial equity in the community for all people. We envision a just, united, self-reliant West Side where all of our people are connected, safe, healthy and successful. We are West Side proud. We are West Side strong.

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Please note: WSCO staff are currently working via a hybrid model, both remotely and in-person. All in-person community events require participants to follow COVID safety precautions recommended by the CDC.

